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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A package, particularly for packing industrial products, comprising a product-holding body provided with a through-bore, a grip region associated to the body and a flow controlling and interrupting valve associated to the through-bore, ~~the package being characterized in that~~ wherein the valve comprises an elongate and through-bored body of flexible material, the elongate and through-bored body being fixed by means of at least one first end portion thereof to the through-bore, ~~the one~~ second end portion of the elongate and through-bored body, ~~being~~ opposed to the first portion, extending outwardly of the through-bore and being foldable over the elongate and through-bored body into the bore, so as to enable one to close the valve, wherein the valve is positioned opposite the product-holding body from the grip region.

2. (Currently amended) A package according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elongate and through-bored flexible body has a substantially tubular shape.

3. (Currently amended) A package according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elongate and through-bored body is fixed to ~~the~~ an internal portion of the bore by means of first and second opposed fixation regions, the second region being substantially larger than the first region.

4. (Currently amended) A package according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fixation between the elongate and through-bored body and the internal portion of the bore in the second region is effected substantially over the whole region of contact between them both.

5. (Currently amended) A package according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second end portion of the elongate and through-bored body is selectively foldable in the direction of the first region inside ~~the~~ a cavity.

6. (New) A package according to claim 1, wherein the second end portion of the elongate and through-bored body is configured to be folded into a cavity defined between the valve and

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the product-holding body, such that a product disposed in the product-holding body closes the valve when the valve is folded into the bore and the package is lifted by the grip region.